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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re: Petition of ICG Telecom Group, Inc. for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 99-00377

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth's Responses to the Staff Data Request dated January 11, 2001. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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REQUEST: Why has the arbitrated Interconnect Agreement in this Docket not been submitted to the Authority for approval?

RESPONSE: Prior to the time the TRA issued its written order in this docket, BellSouth and ICG reached a settlement agreement with respect to performance measurements and reciprocal compensation, two of the primary issues in this proceeding. BellSouth and ICG submitted two issues for consideration by the TRA as best and final proposals. As neither of the best and final offers submitted by the parties with respect to EELs and binding forecasts were approved by the Authority during its October 10, 2000 deliberations, the parties waited for the written Order of the TRA. The TRA's decision on the two issues was received as a written order on November 27, 2000. Due to other pending obligations of the parties BellSouth and ICG were only recently able to begin negotiations with regard to the TRA's order.

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REQUEST: When will the arbitrated Interconnection Agreement in this Docket be submitted to the Authority for approval?

RESPONSE: Revised contract language was submitted to ICG recently and BellSouth expects to execute a final amendment shortly. BellSouth and ICG will make every effort to provide copies to the TRA for approval as soon as is practical following execution.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 16, 2001, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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